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1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA OCTOBER 1 TO ASK GLIGA'S ASSISTANCE ONCE MORE WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN EXPEDITING ROMANIAN INTERNAL PROCESSING OF EXCHANGE RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION OCT. 3, GLIGA EXPRESSED REGRET THAT MINED WAS STILL MOVING ALL TOO SLOWLY BUT SAID HE HAD RECEIVED RENEWED ASSURANCES THAT MINED WAS TRYING TO MOVE THINGS FASTER. SPECIFICALLY GLIGA SAID WE OUGHT TO HAVE DEFINITE WORD SOON ON FIRST GROUP OF SIX. SHORTLY THEREAFTER EMBASSY RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM MINED THAT THIS BATCH WILL LEAVE FOR US ON OCTOBER 15. THOSE LEAVING INCLUDE GRADUATE STUDENT IOAN CRISTEA AND RESEARCHERS NECULAI BILBA, IOAN PETRARIU, EMIL GEORGESCU, CORNELIA IDITORIU, AND FERENC DENES. THERE ARE STILL 15 RESEARCHERS AND 12 GRADUATE STUDENTS WAITING FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE.

2. AMBASSADOR REMINDED GLIGA THAT ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE CREATED DIFFICULTIES NOT ONLY FOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
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AND INDIVIDUAL ROMANIANS BUT WAS A POOR OMEN FOR FORTH-

COMING NEGOTIATIONS ON RENEWAL OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.
GLIGA SAID HE WAS ALL TOO AWARE OF THIS. IN THIS CONTEXT
HE AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION IT MIGHT BE USEFUL
FOR AMBASSADOR TO HAVE GENERAL DISCUSSION LATER IN
OCTOBER WITH EDUCATION MINISTER MIZIL.
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